

Amendments to the Claims

Listing of Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Please cancel claims 1-9 and 16-18.

Claims 1-9. (Cancelled)

10. (Original) A method for processing a call from a calling party at a calling communication station to a called party at a called communication station in a telecommunications network including at least one service switching point (SSP) and a service control point (SCP), the method comprising the steps of:

- at an SSP, receiving the call from the calling communication station;
- transmitting a termination attempt query from the SSP to the SCP;
- at the SCP, in response to the termination attempt query, detecting in the termination attempt query the caller identification information for the calling communication station;
- at the SCP, determining whether the caller identification information is valid;
- at the SCP, if the caller identification information is not valid, processing the call as if the call is marked presentation unavailable;
- at the SCP, determining whether standard caller identification information for the calling communication station can be provided to the called communication station;
- at the SCP, if the standard caller identification information for the calling communication station can not be provided, processing the call as if the call is marked presentation unavailable;
- for calls treated as if the call is marked presentation unavailable,
 - transmitting a forward call message from the SCP to the SSP, the forward call message including an identifier for the called communication station; a presentation indicator for the called communication station, the presentation indicator being set to presentation allowed, and a parameter

indicating that a customer selected request message should be used for the request;

in response to the forward call message, at the SSP, originating a call connecting the calling communication station and network equipment;
from the network equipment, transmitting a request for audible caller identification information to the calling communication station in accordance with the customer selected request message; and
transmitting the audible caller identification information to the called communication station in a format specified by the called party.

11. (Original) The method of claim 10 wherein determining whether the caller identification information is valid comprises:

determining if the Numbering Plan Area (NPA) of the caller identification information is invalid.

12. (Original) The method of claim 11 wherein determining if the NPA of the caller identification information is invalid comprises:

determining if the Numbering Plan Area (NPA) of the caller identification information is an approved NPA number.

13. (Original) The method of claim 12 wherein determining if the NPA of the caller identification information is invalid comprises:

determining if the Numbering Plan Area (NPA) of the caller identification information starts with a first digit set to a 0 or a 1.

14. (Original) The method of claim 10 wherein determining whether the caller identification information is valid comprises:

determining if the caller identification contains a valid number of digits.

15. (Original) The method of claim 14 wherein determining whether the caller identification information is valid comprises:

determining if the caller identification contains ten digits.

Claims 16-18 (Cancelled)

19. (Original) A system for processing a call from a calling party at a calling communication station to a called party at a called communication station, the system comprising:

- a service control point (SCP) operative to determine whether Calling Party ID information is valid and if not, to initiate a forward call message;
- a service switching point (SSP) coupled with the SCP to receive the forward call message and to initiate a new call; and
- a service node coupled with the SSP to complete the new call to the calling communication station to transmit a request for audible caller identification information to the calling communication station.

20. (Original) The system of claim 19 wherein the SCP is configured to transmit the forward call message with an identifier for the called communication station and a presentation indicator.